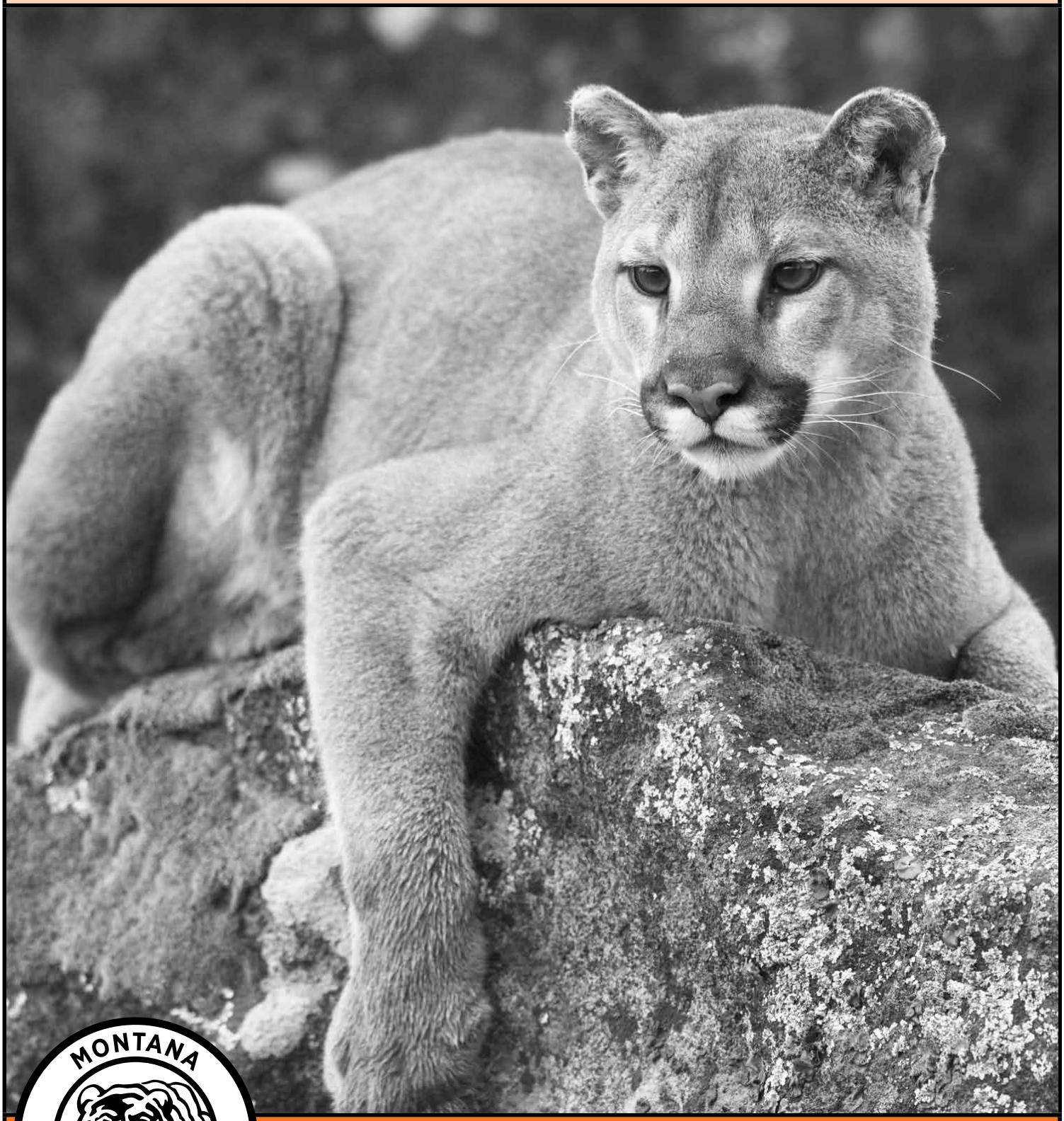
2024 MOUNTAIN LION

MONTANA FWP | Hunting Regulations



Mountain Lion | *Puma concolor*

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Highlights/ Reminders

- Hunting and fishing licenses are accessible through a secure and convenient mobile app. The Montana MyFWP app provides a digital wallet to store and display licenses and digital carcass tags, known as E-Tags, that can validate your harvest in the field. See fwp.mt.gov/myfwpapp for more information.
- Deadline to apply for Mountain Lion License drawings is July 19.
- Even though the 2024 mountain lion season extends into the 2025 license year, the deadline to purchase 2024 licenses is Feb. 28, 2025.

Regulations Adopted by the Fish & Wildlife Commission

Regulations for season dates, structures, and restrictions were adopted by the F&W Commission on Dec. 14, 2023, under the authority granted in MCA 87-1-301 and are valid March 1, 2024, through April 14, 2025. Final quotas were adopted by the F&W Commission on June 20, 2024. The F&W Commission reserves the authority to amend the seasons, limits and regulations herein if deemed necessary for wildlife management purposes. Statutes and other information, including other agencies' restrictions, are provided as a courtesy and do not fall under commission authority. Dustin Temple, Director.

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Definitions

GAME ANIMAL: deer, elk, moose, antelope, caribou, mountain sheep, mountain goat, mountain lion, bear, and wild bison.

HUNT: to pursue, shoot, wound, take, harvest, kill, chase, lure, possess, or capture, or the act of a person possessing a weapon, as defined in MCA 45-2-101, or using a dog or a bird of prey for the purpose of shooting, wounding, taking, harvesting, killing, possessing, or capturing wildlife protected by the laws of this state in any location that wildlife may inhabit, whether or not the wildlife is then or subsequently taken. The term includes an attempt to take or harvest by any means, including but not limited to pursuing, shooting, wounding, killing, chasing, luring, possessing, or capturing.

OUTFITTER: any person who for consideration provides any saddle or pack animal, facilities, camping equipment, vehicle, watercraft, or other conveyance, or personal service for any person to hunt, trap, capture, take, kill, or pursue any game, including fish, and who accompanies that person, either part or all of the way, on an expedition for any of these purposes or supervises a licensed guide or outfitter's assistant in accompanying that person. This does not include a person providing services on real property that the person owns for the primary pursuit of bona fide agricultural interests.

SITE OF THE KILL: the location where a game animal or game bird expires and the person responsible for the death takes physical possession of the carcass.

Obtain a License

- Applicants must possess a current year Conservation License and a Base Hunting License to apply for or purchase any Mountain Lion License. A hunter may purchase only one Mountain Lion License per year.
  - **Residents** may hunt a mountain lion with one of the following three license options: Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License (archery season and fall season without dogs), Limited Mountain Lion License or Unlimited Mountain Lion License.
  - **Nonresidents** may hunt a mountain lion with one of the following three license options: Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License (archery season and fall season without dogs), Limited Mountain Lion License (limited to 10% of the quota or less) or Unlimited Mountain Lion License.

Some LMUs (e.g. LMUs 141, 150, 170, 211, 214, 250, 299, 309, 600, 700) do not generally reach the harvest limit due to limited access or high harvest limits to meet management objectives (such as reducing conflicts), and the commission may consider not offering limited licenses within these areas and allowing the use of other unused licenses from the same region within these lion management units (LMUs).

License Chart

The following 2024 licenses, for the purpose of mountain lion hunting, chasing and/or resident hound training, are valid March 1, 2024, through the dates listed in these regulations and subject to quota closures.

LICENSE	REQUIREMENT(S)	COST
Conservation	Prerequisite and must be carried while hunting or chasing lions.	$4 Resident 10-17, 62+ $8 Resident (18-62) $10 Nonresident
Base Hunting License	Prerequisite for hunting or applying for a permit or license.	$10 Resident $15 Nonresident
Restricted OTC License or Unlimited Mountain Lion License	Available to resident and nonresident Conservation License holders 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued. Purchase by Feb. 28, 2025.	$19 Resident $320 Nonresident
Limited Mountain Lion License	Apply in person at FWP headquarters or online at fwp.mt.gov: Online applications (ols.fwp.mt.gov) must be completed by 11:45 p.m. MDT on July 19. NOTE: successful applicants must purchase a Mountain Lion License by Feb. 28, 2025.	**Application fee:** $5 Resident $5 Nonresident **License cost:** $19 Resident $320 Nonresident
Bow and Arrow (Archery)	A Bow and Arrow License, plus the proper hunting license, is required during mountain lion Archery Only Season or to archery hunt mountain lion in an Arch-Equip only area or lion management unit.	$10 Resident $10 Nonresident
Resident Hound Training	Available to resident Conservation License holders 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued. See Youth Hunting Opportunities.	$5 Resident Only
Nonresident Hound License	Required to hunt with dogs using any lion license.	$250 Nonresident

SuperTag Lottery for Mountain Lion

- Resident and nonresident hunters can buy an unlimited number of $5 chances per species by June 30 to win a Montana hunting license for a mountain lion as well as antelope, bison, deer, elk, moose, sheep, and goat.
- Each SuperTag License allows one to hunt in any Montana hunting district valid for that species.

- Chances are sold electronically at all FWP license providers or via **fwp.mt.gov**.
- Proceeds from the sale of SuperTag chances will enhance public hunting access and boost FWP enforcement efforts.
- For more information, visit FWP's website at **fwp.mt.gov**.

Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License (without dogs)

- A Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License is available at all Fish, Wildlife & Parks offices, FWP license providers, or online at ols.fwp.mt.gov.
- During the archery only and fall season without dogs, a Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid LMU, even if the LMU is a Limited Mountain Lion License LMU during the winter season. In all areas, the combined archery only and fall season without dogs, male and female mountain lion harvest from all license holders will be deducted from the respective male or female mountain lion quotas or subquotas.
- Unsuccessful applicants for Limited Mountain Lion Licenses may purchase a Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License but may not purchase an Unlimited Mountain Lion License.

Limited Mountain Lion License

- A Limited Mountain Lion License is issued through a drawing and designates the LMU within the regulations for which the license is valid. The license is valid for the entire season until the season is closed, even if quotas are filled.
- A Limited Mountain Lion License may be applied for online at ols.fwp.mt.gov no later than 11:45p.m. MDT on July 19, 2024, or an FWP office no later than 5 p.m. MDT July 19, 2024.
- Unsuccessful applicants for a Limited Mountain Lion License will not be eligible to purchase an Unlimited Mountain Lion License. Unsuccessful applicants for Limited Mountain Lion Licenses may purchase a Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License.
- Bonus points will be offered for Limited Mountain Lion License applications.
- Nonresidents are limited to no more than 10 percent of the Limited Mountain Lion Licenses offered.
- Successful Limited Mountain Lion License applicants will be notified by email and must purchase their Mountain Lion License no later than Feb. 28, 2025.
- During the archery only and fall season without dogs, a Limited Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion management unit.
- During the winter season, a Limited Mountain Lion License may only be used in a specific LMU for which the Limited Mountain Lion License is valid. Holders may harvest a mountain lion in 141, 150, 170, 299, 305, or 309 during the winter season.

Unlimited Mountain Lion License

- An Unlimited Mountain Lion License is valid until the quotas are filled or the season is closed, whichever occurs first, and is only valid in the region, LMU, or group of LMUs specified on the license.
- An Unlimited Mountain Lion License is available at all FWP offices, license providers, or online at ols.fwp.mt.gov, these licenses must be purchased by Feb. 28, 2025.
- An Unlimited Mountain Lion License is available to residents and nonresidents that are 12 years of age or older or who will turn 12 years old before or during the season for which the license is issued.
- During the archery only and fall season without dogs, an Unlimited Mountain Lion License may be used in any valid mountain lion management unit.
- During the winter season, an Unlimited Mountain Lion License may only be used in a specific LMU, group of LMUs, or region for which the Unlimited Mountain Lion License is valid. Holders may harvest a mountain lion in LMUs 141, 150, 170, 299, 305, or 309 during the winter season.

Resident Hound Training License (RHTL) - (MCA 87-2-521):

- A person who is a resident may receive a Hound Training License that entitles the holder to use a dog or dogs to aid in pursuing mountain lions, bobcats, or black bears during a training season established in MCA 87-6-404(4).
- Training season for mountain lions and bobcats runs from Dec. 2 – April 14.
- A resident may not kill a mountain lion, bobcat, or spring black bear with only a RHTL. To kill a mountain lion, a resident hunter must hold a valid Mountain Lion License. To kill a bobcat, a resident hunter must hold a valid Trapping License purchased by Nov. 30 or a Resident Bobcat Hunting License.

Nonresident Hound License – (MCA 87-2-519)

In order for a nonresident to use a dog or dogs to aid in the pursuit or harvest of mountain lions, the nonresident shall first purchase a Nonresident Hound License. To be eligible, the nonresident must be:

- at least 18 years of age or older or turn 18 years of age before or during the season for which the license is issued; and
- a holder of a nonresident wildlife Conservation License and a Limited or Unlimited Mountain Lion License (Nonresident Mountain Lion License).
- a holder of a Nonresident Hound License may only pursue mountain lions or black bears for the purpose of personally harvesting an animal and may not assist any other person in the pursuit of a lion or bear for harvest.

A nonresident is not required to have a Nonresident Hound License to use a dog or dogs to aid in the pursuit or harvest of mountain lions when the nonresident:

- is hunting with an outfitter licensed pursuant to Title 37, chapter 47, part 3, MCA; or
- is a nonresident landowner who owns 640 or more contiguous acres. Nonpaying guests of the nonresident landowner may also hunt and pursue mountain lions on the landowner's property and any adjacent public land within 2 miles of the landowner's property without a Nonresident Hound License.
- A nonresident outfitter or guide licensed pursuant to Title 37, chapter 47, part 3, MCA is not required to have a Nonresident Hound License.

Nonresident Hound License Drawing

- Applications for the Nonresident Hound License will be available starting July 27, 2024. The deadline to apply for it will be Aug. 12, 2024, the drawing will take place the week of Aug. 15. To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must have purchased an Unlimited Mountain Lion License or apply and draw a Limited Mountain Lion License. If unsuccessful in the Hound License drawing, FWP will refund the Hound License fee of $250. Applicants are eligible to request a refund for their Mountain Lion License if returned before Sept. 3, 2024.
- Nonresidents may not hunt, pursue, or chase bobcats.

Residency

It is unlawful to swear to or to affirm a false statement in order to obtain an original or replacement resident hunting and/or fishing license OR to assist an unqualified applicant in obtaining a resident license (MCA 87-6-302)

Resident (MCA 87-2-102)

- To be a lawful Montana resident and eligible to purchase any Montana resident fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, you must:
  - Have been physically living in Montana for at least 180 consecutive days immediately prior to purchasing a resident license;
  - Register your vehicle(s) in Montana;
  - Be registered to vote in Montana if you're registered to vote at all;
  - Not possess (or have applied for any) current resident hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country;
  - File Montana state income tax returns as a resident, if you are required to file.
  - Once you have established your residency, you must continue to meet all these requirements and physically reside in Montana as your principal or primary place of abode for not less than 120 days per year (days need not be consecutive).
  - A person is NOT considered a resident for the purposes of this section if the person:
    - > claims residence in any other state or country for any purpose; or
    - > is an absentee property owner paying property tax on property in Montana.
- To purchase an annual resident Conservation License you will be required to show a valid Montana Driver License (MDL), a valid Montana Identification Card (MIC), or a valid Tribal Identification Card (TIC).
- If your MDL or MIC was issued less than six months ago, you may be required to show additional proof of residency. An out-of-state driver license is NOT an acceptable form of ID for resident license purchases. Contact your local FWP office for specifics.

Hunter Education (MCA 87-2-105)

Hunter Education Requirements - If you were born after Jan. 1, 1985, you are required to show proof of completing a Montana hunter safety and education course or an approved hunter safety course from any other state or province prior to applying for or purchasing a hunting license, whether the hunting license is for the rifle or archery season.

Bowhunter Education Requirements

To purchase a Montana Bow and Arrow License, a hunter must:

- Provide a certificate of completing the National Bowhunter Education Foundation course, or
- Provide any prior year's bowhunting/archery stamp, tag, permit, or license from any state or province.

Duplicate Certificates - Bowhunter or hunter education certificates of completion for the Montana hunter education and/or bowhunter education courses may be obtained from FWP's website at:

myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/hunterEdCert

Youth Hunter - A resident or nonresident youth who will reach 12 years of age by Jan. 16, 2025, may hunt any game species for which their license is valid, after Aug. 15, 2024. Proof of hunter education must be presented at the time of purchase.

In order to carry or use a firearm for any reason, a youth under 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person having charge or custody of the youth, or be under the supervision of a qualified firearms safety instructor or an adult 18 years of age or older who has been authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, MCA 45-8-344.

Laws & Rules

-Statute denoted by MCA.
-Commission Rule denoted by CR.
-Administrative rule denoted by ARM.

Aircraft (MCA 87-6-208) (includes UAV's/drones)

A person may not:

- kill, take, or shoot any game bird, game animal, or furbearing animals from an aircraft;
- use an aircraft for the purpose of concentrating, pursuing, driving, rallying, or stirring up any game bird, migratory bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animals; or
- use an aircraft to locate any game animal for the purpose of:
  - hunting those animals during the same calendar day; or
  - if in or using an aircraft, to spot or locate any game animal or fur-bearing animal and communicate the location of the game animal or fur-bearing animal to any person: on the ground by means of any air-to-ground communication signal or other device as an aid to hunting or pursuing wildlife; or within the same calendar day after using an aircraft.

Archery Equipment (MCA 87-6-401, CR)

- It is unlawful to use any chemical or explosive device attached to an arrow to aid in the taking of game animals.
- The following criteria define Archery Equipment. It is unlawful to use, while hunting game during any Archery Only Season and in Archery Equipment Only areas, archery equipment that does not meet the following criteria:

Hunting Bow: A hunting bow for game animals shall be a longbow, flatbow, recurve bow, compound bow, or any combination of these designs.

- The bow must be a device for launching an arrow, which derives its propulsive energy solely from the bending and recovery of two limbs (includes bows with split limbs).
- The bow must be hand-drawn by a single and direct uninterrupted pulling action of the shooter. The bowstring must be moved from brace height to the full draw position by the muscle power of the shooter's body. The energy used to propel the arrow shall not be derived from any other source such as hydraulic, pneumatic, mechanical, or similar devices. These limitations shall not exclude the mechanical leverage advantage provided by eccentric wheels or cams, so long as the available energy stored in the bent limbs of the bow is the sole result of a single, continuous, and direct pulling effort by the shooter.
- The bow must be hand-held. One hand shall hold the bow, and the other hand draw the bowstring. The bowstring must be moved and/or held at all points in the draw cycle entirely by muscle power of the shooter until release. The bowstring must be released as a direct and conscious action of the shooter, either relaxing the tension of the fingers or triggering the release action of a hand-held release aid.

Exception: Physically disabled bowhunters certified by FWP with the Permit To Modify Archery Equipment (PTMAE) are exempted from the requirement of holding or shooting the bow with their hands.

> A bow is considered lawful if it is at least 28 inches in total length.

> The nominal percent of let-off for hunting bows shall be a maximum of 80 percent as advertised by the manufacturer.

Arrow: An arrow is a projectile at least 20 inches in overall length. The length of the arrow is measured from the rearward point of the nock to the tip of the broadhead.

- A broadhead is mounted on the fore end.
- The arrow shall weigh no less than 300 grains with the broadhead attached.
- Arrows must have broadheads with at least two cutting edges and be at least 7/8 inches at the widest point. Expandable broadheads are lawful as long as when expanded they are at least 7/8 inches at the widest point, and weigh no less than 70 grains.

The following are not considered a hunting bow or lawful archery equipment during the Archery Only Season or in an Archery Equipment Only area or hunting district:

- Crossbow.
- Any device with a gun-type stock or incorporating any device or mechanism that holds the bowstring at partial or full draw without the shooter's muscle power.
- Any bow for which a portion of the bow's riser (handle) or any track, trough, channel, or other device that attaches directly to the bow's riser contacts, supports, and/or guides the arrow from a point rearward of the bow's brace height. This is not intended to restrict the use of standard overdraw systems.
- Electronic or battery-powered devices attached to a hunting bow or arrow. **Exception:** Camera devices attached to bows for the sole purpose of filming is allowed.
- A bow sight or arrow that uses artificial light, luminous chemicals such as tritium, or electronics. **Exception:** an arrow may have a lighted nock.

Artificial Light (MCA 87-6-401) - It is unlawful for anyone to take or attempt to take any game animal or game bird with the aid of projected artificial light. Use of rifle scopes that project an artificial light to illuminate the target or project infra-red light visible only with specialized optics to illuminate the target are unlawful for the taking of game animals.

Baiting (MCA 87-6-401, CR, ARM 12.6.1017)

- It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird by the aid of or with the use of any bait, salt lick, trap, snare, or set gun.
- Baiting shall mean the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of food sources or salt so as to constitute a lure or attraction.
- Artificial scents may be used to attract game animals (except black bears) and game birds.

Bobcat and Lynx (MCA 87-2-601, CR) - Nonresidents may not hunt bobcats. Lynx are listed as a federally threatened species and there is no open season. It is a violation of both state and federal law to knowingly chase lynx with dogs.

Check Stations (MCA 87-6-218) - All hunters are required by law to stop as directed at all designated check stations on their way to and from hunting areas, even if they have no game to be checked.

Closed Season (MCA 87-6-204) - It is prohibited for a dog owner or mountain lion hunter to release dogs on a mountain lion track, or allow dogs to chase a mountain lion, or hold a mountain lion at bay during any period of the day or year when the season is not open to hunting or chasing mountain lions. Legitimate attempts to retrieve loose dogs after legal hunting hours does not constitute a violation of this rule.

Disturbing Traps or Trapped Animals (MCA 87-6-601) - A person may not destroy, disturb, or remove any trap or snare belonging to another person or remove wildlife from a trap or snare belonging to another person without permission of the owner of the trap or snare, except that from March 1 to Oct. 1 of each year a person may remove any snare from land owned or leased by the person if the snare would endanger livestock. This requirement does not apply to a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of the officer's duty.

Evidence of Sex (MCA 87-6-406) - A person who kills a game animal in this state shall retain evidence of sex of the animal with the carcass until it is processed. The provisions of this section do not apply to a game animal harvested using a license with which either sex of the animal may be taken. Evidence of sex does not need to be naturally attached. Evidence of sex of a mountain lion does not need to be retained until a male or female quota or subquota is reached. Once any male or female quota or subquota is reached, evidence of sex must be retained with a mountain lion carcass until it is processed.

Excess Harvest Resulting in an Unlawfully Taken Animal - If you or a member of your hunting party shoots an animal that results in an unlawfully taken animal, you should notify an FWP game warden or 1-800-TIP-MONT (1-800-847-6668) immediately and follow their instructions.

> Hunters should field dress the animal but DO NOT transport the animal until you've received instructions.

Firearms

- Firearms, including rifles, handguns, shotguns with 0, 00, or slugs, and muzzleloaders; archery equipment; and crossbows are lawful for taking game animals. All other methods of take are prohibited.
- There is no rifle or handgun caliber limitation or magazine/round capacity restrictions for the taking of game animals.
- Rifle scopes with illuminated reticles, built-in range finding capabilities, and "red dot" scopes are lawful for the taking of game animals.

Hunter Harassment (MCA 87-6-215)

It is unlawful to:

- Intentionally interfere with the lawful taking of a wild animal.
- Disturb an individual engaged in the lawful taking of a wild animal with intent to prevent the taking of the animal.

Hunting Hours (CR) - Authorized hunting hours for the taking of game animals begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. See the official Sunrise-Sunset Tables listed on page 15.

Hunter Orange Requirement (MCA 87-6-414) - A person may not hunt any game animals in this state or accompany any hunter as an outfitter or guide under any of the provisions of the laws of this state without wearing as exterior garments, above the waist, a total of not less than 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material visible at all times while hunting.

- This section does not apply to a person hunting with a bow and arrow during the special archery season; or hunting wolves outside the general deer and elk season as authorized by commission rules. However, bowhunters hunting wolf during any portion of the general (firearm) seasons for deer, elk, antelope, moose, sheep, mountain goat, black bear, and mountain lion must meet the hunter orange requirement while hunting.

Indian Reservations

- The F&W Commission has by rule, closed all lands within the exterior boundaries of Montana's Indian Reservations to the hunting of game animals with the use of state licenses unless provided for in a cooperative agreement between the tribal government and the State of Montana.
- Currently, there are no cooperative agreements between FWP and any of the tribal governments in Montana and as such the season for the hunting of game animals, by nonmembers, with a state license is closed. Please contact FWP for further information.

Inspection by Warden (MCA 87-1-502, 87-6-218) - Game animals, game and nongame birds, fish, and furbearers taken must be shown to FWP Enforcement personnel for inspection when requested.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) - Montana is a member of the IWVC. Under the compact, member states recognize suspensions of hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges. It is unlawful for a violator whose privilege to hunt, fish, or trap is suspended to obtain or attempt to obtain a license, tag or permit in a member state. For more information, call 406-444-2452.

Kill Site Verification (ARM 12.6.1005) - At the request of a Department Game Warden, it is required to return to the kill site of any game animal, game bird, wolf, or furbearer that has been hunted or trapped.

Landowner Permission (MCA 87-6-415) - A person may not hunt or attempt to hunt furbearers, game animals, migratory game birds, nongame wildlife, predatory animals, upland game birds, or wolves while hunting on private property without first obtaining permission of the landowner, the lessee, or their agents. Regardless of whether the land is posted or not, hunters must have permission from the landowner, lessee, or their agent before hunting on private property. For the purposes of this section, the term "hunt" has the same meaning as provided in 87-6-101 and includes entering private land to: (a) retrieve wildlife; or (b) access public land to hunt.

License and Permit Possession/Use (MCA 87-6-304, MCA 87-6-305)

- A person may not apply for, purchase, or possess more than one license, permit, or tag of any one class or more than one special license for any one species. This provision does not apply to more than one license, permit or tag authorized by the commission.
- A person may not hunt in this state unless the person is carrying the required license or permit at the time.
- A person may not refuse to exhibit a license or permit and the identification used in purchasing a license or permit for inspection to a warden or other officer requesting to see it.
- A person may not at any time alter or change a license in any material manner or loan or transfer any license to another person.
- A person other than the person to whom a license is issued may not use the license.
- A person may not validate their license or tag for an animal killed by another person, MCA 87-6-411.
- A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of a hunting license or permit if the person knowingly carries or has physical control over a valid and unused hunting license or permit issued to another person while in any location that the species to be hunted may inhabit.
- This does not apply: to a person who is carrying or has physical control over a license or permit issued to that person's spouse or to any minor when the spouse or minor is hunting with that person; and when a properly obtained and validated license or permit is attached to a lawfully killed game animal.

License Validation/Tagging (MCA 87-6-411)

- When a person kills a game animal, the person shall, before the carcass is removed from or the person leaves the site of the kill, take physical possession of the game animal by:
  - electronically validating the license or tag or
  - cutting out from the license or tag the date the animal was killed.
- A license or tag that is not electronically validated must accompany the carcass as long as any considerable portion of the carcass remains unconsumed.
- A person shall keep the license or tag accompanying the game animal or portion of the game animal while the animal is possessed by the person unless the license or tag was electronically validated.
- A person may not validate pursuant to subsection (2) a license or tag that is restricted to a hunting district other than the hunting district where the game animal was killed.

Littering (MCA 75-10-212, MCA 87-6-920) - It is unlawful to dump or leave any garbage, dead animal, or other debris or refuse:

- In or upon any highway, road, street, or alley of this state;
- In or upon any public property, highway, street, or alley under the control of the state;
- Within 200 yards of a public highway, road, street, or alley or public property;
- On privately owned property where hunting, fishing, or other recreation is permitted;

A holder of a Montana resident or nonresident fishing or hunting license or camping permit convicted of littering campgrounds, public or private lands, streams, or lakes while hunting, fishing, or camping shall forfeit any current hunting, fishing, or trapping license issued by this state and the privilege to hunt, fish, camp, or trap in this state for a period of one year from the date of conviction.

Marked or Radio-Collared Animals (CR) - It is lawful to shoot game animals that have radio collars, neck bands, ear tags, and/or other markers, but markers and radio collars must be returned to FWP. Please report the killing of a marked animal to the local FWP office.

Masking Human Odor ((ARM 12.6.1016)(MCA 87-6-101))

Artificial scents and Responsible Hunting Scent Association (RHSA) approved natural glandular scents may be used by hunters for the purpose of masking human odor. Urine-based and natural glandular scents are approved by the F&W Commission if they:

- originate from a state or province not listed below as having documented occurrences of chronic wasting disease or
- originate from a facility which is approved by the F&W Commission as certified by the RHSA and displays the required marks on the product packaging.

The following states have documented occurrences of chronic wasting disease: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. The following Canadian provinces have documented occurrences of chronic wasting disease: Alberta, Quebec, and Saskatchewan.

Motion-Tracking Devices (MCA 87-6-401) - It is unlawful for a person, while hunting, to use any electronic motion-tracking device or mechanism that is designed to track the motion of a game animal and relay information on the animal's movement to the hunter. Motion tracking devices are defined by the F&W Commission as remote operated camera or video devices capable of transmitting real time information, pictures, or videos; seismic devices; thermal imaging devices; and satellite and radio telemetry devices.

A radio-tracking collar attached to a dog that is used by a hunter engaged in lawful hunting activities is not considered an unlawful motion-tracking device.

Motorized Vehicles (MCA 87-6-405)

It is unlawful for anyone to:

- hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal or game bird from any self-propelled (motorized) or drawn vehicle. To be lawful, a hunter must have two feet on the ground and his/her body outside of the vehicle. Holders of the Permit To Hunt From A Vehicle are the exception to this.
- use a motor-driven vehicle off road on state land.
- use a motor-driven vehicle on a road or trail on state land if that road or trail is posted as closed by the land management agency. This restriction applies only to state land and not to federal land. For more information related to state school trust lands, see page 13.
- use a motor-driven vehicle other than on a road or trail designated for travel by a landowner unless permission has been given by that landowner.

Off Road - Federal lands (CR)

- a person may not operate, on federal public lands, a motorized wheeled vehicle off legal routes (including game retrieval). All federally approved travel plans on public lands in Montana have been adopted by the F&W Commission. Contact the appropriate land management agencies for travel plan information.

Boats (MCA 87-6-207)

- a person may not use a motorboat or a sailboat as defined in MCA 23-2-502 for the purpose of killing, capturing, taking, pursuing, concentrating, driving, or stirring up any upland game bird, migratory bird, game animal, or fur-bearing animal until the motor is shut off or the sails are furled and the progress of the vessel has ceased.

Mountain Lion Specific Regulations (CR)

- Female mountain lions accompanied by kittens with spots may not be taken.
  - If a lactating female is killed, the hunter must inform an FWP official as soon after the kill as possible.
- No mountain lion with body spots shall be killed.

Off–Highway Vehicles (including ATV, UTV and dirt bikes)

- **Residents (MCA 23-2-804, 23-2-111) –** OHVs must be registered with the county treasurer and display a current off-highway permanent registration decal to be used for off-road recreation on public lands (trails, frozen lakes, reservoirs). To be used on roads (county, Forest Service, etc.), an OHV must be registered with the county treasurer and display a license plate and street-legal modifications. Resident hunters utilizing "summer motorized recreation trails" must also purchase a summer motorized recreation trail pass (decal) at a cost of $20, valid for two years and expires on Dec. 31 of the second calendar year. All decals must be affixed in a conspicuous place on the OHV.
- **Nonresidents (MCA 23-2-814) –** OHVs that are owned by a nonresident may not be operated by a person anywhere in Montana unless a nonresident temporary-use permit is obtained. Permits are good for one calendar year, cost $35, and can be purchased from local vendors (https://fwp.mt.gov/activities/off-highway-vehicles, OHV Permits and Laws), at FWP offices, or online at ols.fwp.mt.gov. Contact Montana State Parks OHV Program at 406-444-3750.

Outfitters and Guides (MCA 37-47-301) - A person may not act as an outfitter or guide or advertise or otherwise represent to the public that the person is an outfitter or guide without first securing a license.

- It is unlawful to engage in outfitting/guiding while not licensed.
- It is unlawful to hire an outfitter or guide not licensed by the Department of Labor and Industry. For information, call 406-841-2300.

Predators and Nongame Hunting - Predators and nongame species can be hunted in Montana year-round without a license by both resident and nonresident hunters. A Conservation License, or a State School Trust lands recreational use license is required to hunt predators and nongame species on State School Trust lands. Permission must be obtained to hunt predators and nongame species on private land.

- **Predators** are classified as coyote, weasel, (striped) skunk, and civet cat (spotted skunk).
- **Nongame species** are defined as any wild animal not otherwise lawfully classified by statute or regulation in Montana. Examples include badger, raccoon, red fox, hares, rabbits, ground squirrels, marmots, tree squirrels, porcupines, and prairie dog.

Public Roadways (MCA 87-6-403) - It is unlawful for anyone to hunt or attempt to hunt any game animal: on, from, or across any public highway or the shoulder, berm, barrow pit, or right-of-way of any public highway (the entire width between the boundary lines of every publicly maintained way when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel).

Recorded Animal Sounds (MCA 87-6-401) - It is unlawful to use any recorded or electrically amplified bird or animal calls or sounds or imitations of bird or animal calls or sounds to assist in the hunting, taking, killing, or capturing of any wildlife except predatory animals, wolves, and those birds not protected by state or federal law.

Simulated Wildlife (MCA 87-6-217) - It is unlawful to discharge a firearm or other hunting implement at a simulated wildlife decoy in violation of any state statute, ARM, or F&W Commission rule regulating the hunting of the wildlife being simulated.

Transport of Wildlife

- An individual other than the license holder may transport lawfully taken, properly tagged game animals that comply with the "Evidence of Sex Requirements" (see page 4).
- It is unlawful to ship, possess, transport, or take out of state unlawfully killed game animals.
- It is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act to transport an unlawfully taken game animal across state boundaries.
- If you are transporting lawfully taken wildlife (including parts and/or products of live or dead animals) between the United States and any foreign country, you must complete a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service declaration form. For further information contact the USFWS wildlife inspector at 406-335-4350 or fws.gov.
- Questions concerning carcass transport may be directed to FWP Enforcement at 406-444-2452 or to your home state's wildlife division.

Two-way Communication (ARM 12.6.1010)

The use of two-way electronic communication is prohibited:

- While in the act of hunting game animals or wolves to aid in the taking or locating of live animals.
- While in the act of hunting mountain lion or bobcats with dogs, beginning when the dogs are placed or physically released on tracks or a scent trail.
- To avoid game check stations or FWP enforcement personnel.
- To facilitate unlawful hunting activity.

The use of two-way electronic communication for the use of safety or other legitimate purposes is exempt.

Two-way electronic communication includes, but is not limited to, the following; radios (walkie-talkies/CB), cell phones, text messages, and the use of social media or other electronic platforms, applications, or programs.

Waste of Game (MCA 87-6-205) - Mountain lion is excluded from being considered "suitable for food." A person that harvests a mountain lion may not abandon the head or hide in the field.

Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons

Archery Only Season Without Dogs: Sept. 7 - Oct. 20, 2024

- Resident and nonresident hunters with a Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License, a Limited Mountain Lion License, OR an Unlimited Mountain Lion License may harvest any legal lion in any open LMU statewide during the archery only season.
- A Bow and Arrow License, plus the proper hunting license is required during the mountain lion archery only season or to archery hunt mountain lion in an arch-equip only area or lion management unit.
- Use of dogs is prohibited during the archery only season.
- The archery only season for mountain lion will close: Oct. 20, 2024

Fall Season Without Dogs: Oct. 26 - Dec. 1, 2024

- Resident and nonresident hunters with a Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License, a Limited Mountain Lion License, OR an Unlimited Lion License may harvest any legal lion in any open lion management unit statewide during the fall season without dogs.
- Use of dogs is prohibited during the fall season.
- The fall mountain lion season will close: Dec. 1, 2024

Winter Season: Dec. 1, 2024 - April 14, 2025

- When a male quota, female quota/subquota, or overall quota is reached in a LMU, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that lion management unit will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14. This closure does not apply to hunters hunting with Limited Mountain Lion Licenses except in LMUs 141, 150, 170, 299, 305, or 309
- Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion in LMUs 141, 150, 170, 299, 305, or 309 during the winter season.
- Limited Mountain Lion License holders may harvest a mountain lion only in the specific LMU for which their Limited Mountain Lion License is valid during the winter season.
- Unlimited Mountain Lion License may be used only in a specific LMU(s) for which the Unlimited Mountain Lion License is valid.
- Unlimited Mountain Licenses are also valid for the winter season in lion management units 141, 150, 170, 299, 305, or 309 until the quota for each lion management unit is reached.

Harvest Quotas

- Hunters need to check harvest closure information frequently, for updated information.
- When the subquota or quota is reached in a LMU, the mountain lion season for that subquota or quota in that LMU will close upon 24-hours notice, but no later than April 14. This closure does not apply to hunters hunting with Limited Mountain Lion Licenses except in LMUs 141, 150, 170, 299, 305, or 309.
- The Fish & Wildlife Commission has authorized the department to initiate closure prior to reaching the total quota or subquota when conditions or circumstances indicate the total quota or subquota may be reached within the 24-hours closure notice period.

Hound Training Season: Dec. 2, 2024 - April 14, 2025

- A resident that holds a Resident Hound Training License may lawfully chase mountain lions in any valid LMU statewide from Dec. 2 - April 14. A person may not kill a mountain lion or bobcat with only a Resident Hound Training License.
- A resident that holds any valid Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License, Limited Mountain Lion License, or an Unlimited Mountain Lion License may lawfully chase mountain lions with dogs in any valid lion management unit statewide Dec. 2 - April 14.
- A nonresident that holds a Nonresident Hound License may lawfully chase mountain lions with dogs in any open lion management unit during the Dec. 2 – April 14 hound training season statewide. Note: Nonresidents must hold a valid Mountain Lion Hunting License to harvest a mountain lion.
- Outfitters and guides will be eligible to use hounds with only a valid Conservation License and a valid Montana outfitter or guide license in their possession. Guides will also be required to provide the license number of the outfitter on whose license they are guiding if required to do so by an FWP employee.

Procedures to Follow After Harvesting a Mountain Lion

Mandatory Reporting Requirements

- Hunters must personally report their mountain lion kill within 12 hours by calling the mountain lion reporting line at 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356. Hunters are required to provide: name, telephone number, ALS number, species, date of harvest, lion management unit (LMU), specific location (township, range, and section, TRS), and sex when reporting a mountain lion harvest. Hunters could also report their harvest online at fwp.mt.gov through myfwp.
- Within 10 days of harvesting a mountain lion, the successful hunter must present the hide and skull to a Montana FWP official. The hide and skull **must** be presented in a condition that allows full inspection and tooth collection (i.e. unfrozen) for the purpose of:
  - inspection and registration of kill.
  - verification of sex.
  - removal of a tooth for aging purposes.
  - issuance and attachment of a hide tag. The hide tag must thereafter remain attached to the hide until tanned.

A person licensed to hunt and authorized to possess a carcass of a game animal that requires mandatory department biological inspection may, after validating the license in accordance with MCA 87-6-411, transfer possession of all or part of that game animal to any person at any time after leaving the site of the kill, provided a statement of possession has been completed. The statement of possession must be on a form prescribed by the department and signed by the licensed person and the person or persons receiving possession, and must accompany the carcass or portion of carcass presented for inspection.

REMINDER: The hunter must still personally report their harvest by phone as required even if a transfer form is completed.

Harvest Reporting and Status/Closure Information

- To report a harvest, call 1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453) or 406-444-0356 or at fwp.mt.gov through myfwp.
- Harvest status/closure may be obtained:
  - by calling 1-800-385-7826 or 406-444-1989 for statewide information or,
  - by checking the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov available 24 hours a day.
- The toll-free line and FWP website are updated daily by 1 p.m. MST.

Trichinella in Mountain Lions

Trichinella is a parasite of mammals and some birds. Immature parasites develop cysts in the muscle of the host animal and are transmitted to a new host when infected meat is eaten raw or undercooked. Wild animals rarely show signs of infection. Humans and domestic dogs or cats can become infected with trichinella by consuming raw or undercooked meat from an infected animal. Symptoms of infection vary and may be severe. All bear and mountain lion meat should be treated as if it were infected. Freezing will not kill the organism; however, cooking at temperatures above 165 degrees Fahrenheit will kill the parasite. Many processing techniques (jerky and smoked meats) may not reach the proper temperature. FWP recommends that all mountain lion and bear meat be well cooked to an internal temperature of 165 degrees before consumption by humans or pets. FWP does not offer trichinella testing. For further information, call the FWP lab at 406-577-7880.

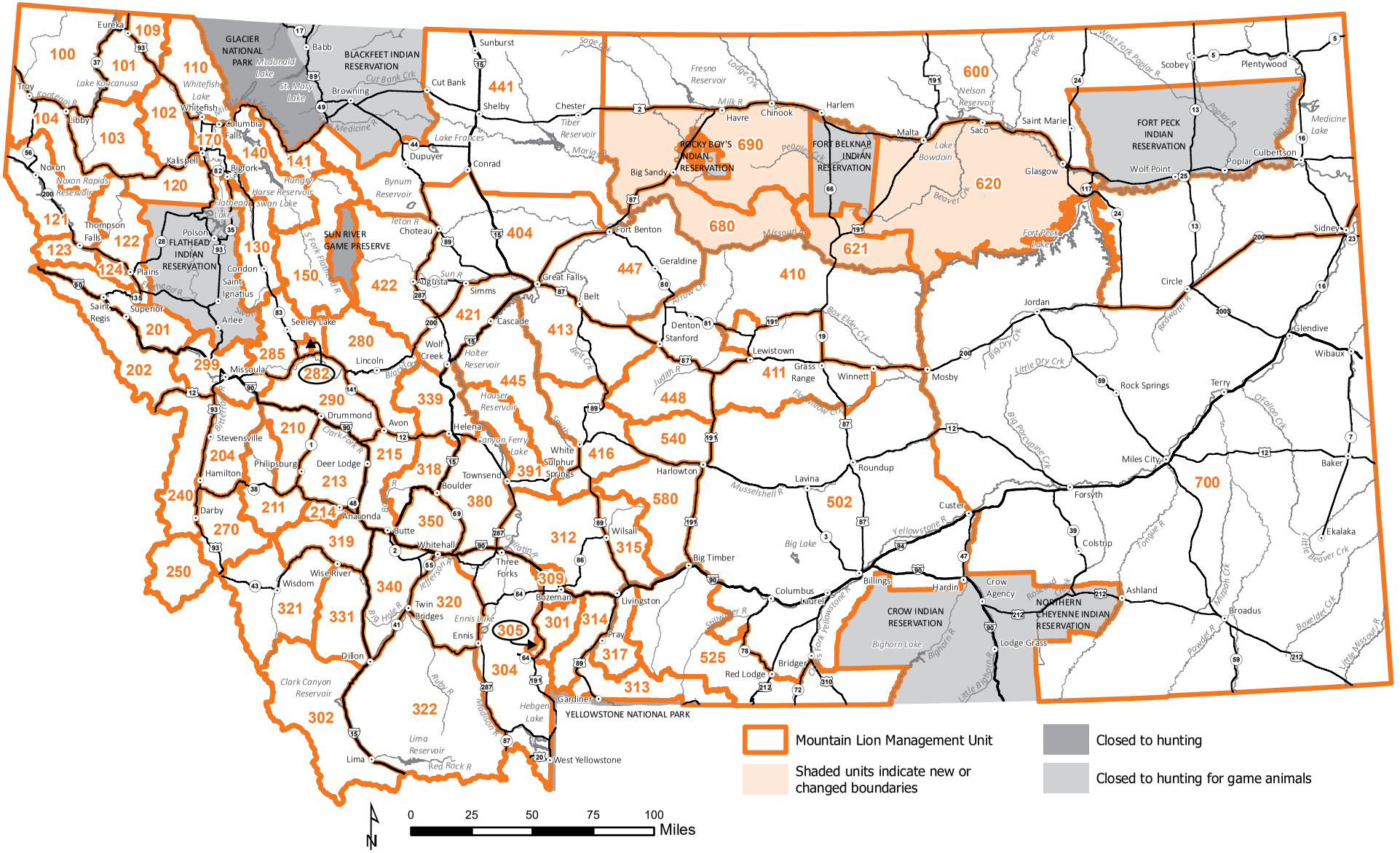
Common Sense Precautions When Field-Dressing Game Animals

To minimize risk of disease or parasite transmission to humans, follow these proper ways to handle wild meat:

- Wear rubber (latex) gloves when field dressing game.
- Minimize contact with animal fluids, brain, and spinal tissues.
- Wash hands and instruments thoroughly after field dressing or processing.
- Cook all meat until well done before consuming.

To minimize the risk of disease or parasite transmission to your domestic dog, prevent the consumption of game animal viscera.

Mountain Lion Management Unit Map



Mountain Lion Management Unit (LMU) Harvest Quotas and Regulations

Season Dates for All LMUs except 150 and Scapegoat Wilderness Portion of 280*:
Archery Season: Sept. 07 - Oct. 20, **Fall Season Without Dogs:** Oct. 26 - Dec. 1, **Winter Season:** Dec. 1 - April 14 2025.
* Season dates for LMU 150 and portion of LMU 280: Archery Season: Sept. 07 - Sept. 14, Winter Season: Sept. 15 - April 14, 2025.

LMU	Limited Mountain Lion License Number	Number of Limited Licenses	Unlimited Mountain Lion License Number	Harvest Quotas			Nonresident Hound License Number	Number of Nonresident Hound Licenses
				Winter Male Quota	Winter Female Quota or Subquota	Overall Quota		
Region 1								
100	100-00	6	100-05	10	14	-	194-00	2
101	101-00	2	101-05	5	6	-	195-00	2
102	102-00	2	101-05	6	6	-	195-00	2
103	103-00	3	100-05	7	8	-	194-00	2
104	104-00	2	100-05	6	7	-	194-00	2
109	-	-	101-05	5	3	-	195-00	2
110	-	-	101-05	5	3	-	195-00	2
120	120-00	2	120-05	5	5	-	197-00	2
121	121-00	5	121-05	9	10	-	196-00	2
122	122-00	3	121-05	8	9	-	196-00	2
123	123-00	1	121-05	4	5	-	196-00	2
124	-	-	121-05	4	3	-	196-00	2
130	130-00	2	130-05	5	5	-	197-00	2
140	140-00	1	130-05	10	8	-	197-00	2
141	Any License	-	Any License	-	-	UNL	197-00	2
150*	Any License	-	Any License	-	-	UNL	197-00	2
170	Any License	-	Any License	-	-	UNL	197-00	2
Region 2								
201	201-00	1	201-05	9	8	-	294-00	2
202	202-00	2	201-05	14	11	-	294-00	2
204	204-00	2	204-05	3	4	-	295-00	2
210	-	-	210-05	4	3	-	296-00	2
211	-	-	210-05	3	2	-	296-00	2
213	-	-	210-05	3	2	-	296-00	2
214	-	-	210-05	1	0	-	296-00	2
215	-	-	210-05	3	2	-	296-00	2
240	240-00	2	204-05	8	8	-	295-00	2
250	-	-	204-05	10	8	-	295-00	2
270	270-00	2	204-05	10	10	-	295-00	2
280*	280-00	2	280-05	8	6	-	297-00	2
282 - CLOSED								
285	285-00	2	280-05	8	6	-	297-00	2
290	290-00	2	280-05	9	7	-	297-00	2
299	Any License	-	Any License	-	-	25	294-00	2
Region 3								
301	301-00	1	300-05	13	7	-	396-00	2
302	-	-	300-05	4	6	-	395-00	2
304	304-00	1	300-05	11	6	-	396-00	2
305	Any License	-	Any License	-	-	6	396-00	2
309	Any License	-	Any License	-	-	6	396-00	2

Any License is defined as a Restricted OTC Mountain Lion License, a Limited Mountain Lion License, or an Unlimited Mountain Lion License.

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312	312-00	1	300-05	6	6	-	396-00	2
313	-	-	300-05	3	1	-	396-00	2
314	-	-	300-05	7	4	-	396-00	2
315	-	-	300-05	2	1	-	396-00	2
317	-	-	300-05	3	4	-	396-00	2
318	318-00	1	300-05	6	4	-	396-00	2
319	-	-	300-05	3	2	-	395-00	2
320	-	-	300-05	3	4	-	395-00	2
321	-	-	300-05	2	1	-	395-00	2
322	322-00	1	300-05	4	4	-	395-00	2
331	-	-	300-05	1	2	-	395-00	2
339	339-00	1	300-05	7	5	-	394-00	2
340	-	-	300-05	3	1	-	395-00	2
350	-	-	300-05	3	2	-	394-00	2
380	380-00	1	300-05	5	6	-	394-00	2
391	391-00	1	300-05	5	4	-	394-00	2
Region 4								
404	-	-	400-05	2	2	-	494-00	2
410	410-00	1	400-05	9	17	-	495-00	2
411	411-00	1	400-05	12	8	-	495-00	2
413	413-00	1	400-05	3	2	-	495-00	2
416	416-00	1	400-05	9	6	-	495-00	2
421	-	-	400-05	7	4	-	494-00	2
422	422-00	1	400-05	4	3	-	494-00	2
441	-	-	400-05	2	1	-	494-00	2
445	445-00	1	400-05	11	7	-	495-00	2
447	447-00	1	400-05	7	7	-	495-00	2
448	448-00	1	400-05	7	5	-	495-00	2
Region 5								
502	502-00	2	500-05	-	-	40	595-00	2
525	525-00	2	500-05	11	17	-	594-00	2
540	-	-	500-05	-	4	9	595-00	2
580	580-00	1	500-05	-	6	9	595-00	2
Region 6								
600	-	-	600-05	-	-	10	695-00	2
620	-	-	600-05	-	1	3	695-00	2
621	-	-	600-05	-	4	9	*695-00*	*2*
680	690-00	1	600-05	-	1	3	694-00	2
690	690-00	1	600-05	-	4	11	694-00	2
Region 7								
700	-	-	700-05	-	-	45	794-00	2

Hunter Access

Hunters, it is your responsibility to know where you are, to know who owns the land, and to know what access restrictions apply.

Federal Land Access

- National Parks Service: National Parks are closed to hunting. For other lands administered by the National Park Service, please contact the specific site managers for additional information.
- National Wildlife Refuges – More restrictive regulations, including species-specific restrictions and closures, may apply to national wildlife refuges open to public hunting. Contact the specific refuge and/or visit fws.gov/refuges for additional information.
- U.S. Forest Service: Area-specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate regional Forest Service office.
- Bureau of Land Management: Area-specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the appropriate BLM field office.
- Other federal lands: Area specific closures or restrictions may apply. Inquire at the local federal land management agency office.

Unlawful Posting of State or Federal Land (MCA 45-8-115) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly post land that is under the ownership or control of the state or federal government to restrict access or use of state or federal land.

Fishing Access Sites

Many of Montana's Fishing Access Sites (FAS) offer hunting opportunities, however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Refer to the Fishing Access Site website at **myfwp.mt.gov/fishMT/explore** for site specific information, opportunities and restrictions.

Indian Reservation Trust Lands

Some reservations may offer game animal hunting opportunities with the use of tribal licenses to non-members. Please contact the appropriate Tribal government. See "Contacts Outside FWP" on page 16 for contact information.

Montana State Parks

Some of Montana's State Parks provide hunting opportunities; however certain restrictions may apply such as no-hunting safety zones and/or restrictions on the type of hunting weapon or firearm that may be used. Contact the specific park and/or refer to the Montana State Park website at **fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/** for site-specific information regarding hunting opportunities and restrictions.

Railroad Access

Railroads and railroad right-of-ways are private property and may not be hunted without permission, nor should they be used as access to other lands (private or public) without explicit permission from the railroad.

State Game Preserves

See Restricted Area Descriptions.

State School Trust Lands

Additional information, including closures and restrictions, is available from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) at 406-444-2074

- A Conservation License provides hunters, anglers, and trappers access to lawfully accessible State School Trust lands for related activities during applicable seasons. Additional permitting is required through the DNRC for trapping on trust lands.
- Overnight use must not exceed the following limits: two consecutive days on leased land, 16 consecutive days within designated campgrounds or on unleased land.
- Motorized travel is only allowed on public roads or on roads designated as open. This restriction applies to all activity including game retrieval.
- Firearms may not be discharged upon trust lands within one-quarter mile of inhabited dwellings or outbuildings without permission of the inhabitant.
- Open fires are prohibited outside of fire pits within designated campgrounds.

State Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)

Wildlife management areas specifically managed as big game winter range, or portions of, are closed to all public entry from Dec. 1 at 11:59 p.m. through May 15 at noon each year unless otherwise approved by the commission and posted by the department.

Exception: There are several exceptions to these guidelines. For WMA-specific information, please call the regional office (see page 16 for contact numbers) or visit the FWP website: fwp.mt.gov

Stream Access Law

The Stream Access Law does not allow for the hunting of game animals between the ordinary high water marks of streams and rivers without landowner permission.

Restricted Area Descriptions

Restricted area legal descriptions include both Closed Areas and Weapons Restricted Areas. It is your responsibility to know that you are in a legal hunting area.

BNSF right-of-way from Marias Pass to the Java Creek Bridge: Closed to hunting.

Beattie Gulch: Subject to closure of all hunting with 24 hours notice: US Forest Service lands located in the following sections north of Yellowstone National Park in Beattie Gulch, Sec. 7 & 8, T9S, R8E and Sections 12 & 13, T9S, R7E.

Bitterroot-Clark Fork Archery District Portion of HD 260: Refer to legal description of deer/elk hunting district 260.

282 Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA: CLOSED Those portions of Missoula and Powell Counties lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Routes 200 and 83 (Seeley Lake Road), then seven miles north on State Route 83 to Woodworth Road (Tote Road), then east on the Woodworth Road to its junction with the Cottonwood Lakes Road at Cozy Corners, then one mile east on the Woodworth Road to Cottonwood Creek, then north along Cottonwood Creek to the Seeley-Monture Road (USFS Road 477), then four miles southeast on the Seeley-Monture Road to the posted eastern boundary of the Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area Section 28 NE 1/4, T16N, R13W, then south 1.5 miles along this posted boundary, then west 0.5 miles along posted boundary, then south 0.5 miles along posted boundary, then west 0.4 miles along posted boundary to the Woodworth Road, then south on the Woodworth Road to State Route 200, then six miles west on said route to its junction with State Route 83, the point of beginning.

Bowdoin NWR closed hunting of big game: Portions of T31N R31E, T31N R32E, T30N R31E, T30N R32E as posted by refuge regulations. Contact refuge at 654-2863.

CMR National Wildlife Refuge, Slippery Ann elk viewing area: Closed to all hunting per refuge regulation 406-538-8706: Portions of Section 36, T22N, R24E and Sections 31 and 32, T22N, R25E.

Charles M. Russell (CMR) National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: CMR National Wildlife Refuge and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) regulations may differ from these regulations, to include closed or weapons restricted areas. Hunters should contact the CMR at 406-538-8706 or the ACOE at 406-526-3411.

Cree Crossing WMA: Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only. Portions of sections 11 and 12 T32N R32E as posted.

Deckard Flats to Trail Creek: Elk Hunting Closure: Subject to closure of elk hunting with 24 hours notice. Those portions of Park County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the confluence of the Yellowstone River and Little Trail Creek northwest of Gardiner, then northeasterly along Little Trail Creek up to its headwaters, then easterly to the USFS Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary, then easterly along said boundary to the North Fork of Bear Creek, then southeasterly along said creek to its confluence with Bear Creek, then northerly along said creek to the confluence of Pine Creek, then easterly along said Creek to the intersection with the USFS Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Boundary, then southerly along said boundary to the boundary with Yellowstone National Park, then westerly along said boundary to the confluence of the Yellowstone River and Reese Creek west of the town of Gardiner, then westerly along the Yellowstone River to its confluence with Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

East Ovando Archery Area: Restricted to ArchEquip Only for all big game hunting: Those portions of Powell County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 200 with the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, then southwest along said river to the Ovando-Helmville Road, then northwesterly along said road to Ovando and State Route 200, then easterly along said route to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, the point of beginning.

Ennis Airport Weapons Restriction Area: Ennis Airport WRA Boundary Description: Beginning at intersection of Airport Rd and Hwy 287, east on Airport Rd, then continuing east along south boundary of section 32 to the USFS boundary, then north to north boundary of section 29, then west on north boundaries of sections 29 and 30, then south on west

boundary of section 30, then west on north boundary of section 36 to Hwy 287, then south along Hwy 287 to point of beginning.

Flathead Weapons Restriction Area and Blasdel WPAs: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only: That portion of Flathead County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at the junction of State Route 35 and State Route 206, then northerly along State Route 206 to US Highway 2, then westerly along said highway onto State Route 40 to US Highway 93, then south on said Highway to Rocky Cliff Drive, then easterly to Demersville Road, then northerly along said road to Foys Bend Lane, then easterly along said road onto Lower Valley Road to the Bonneville Power Administration powerline at Foys Bend, then northerly along said powerline across the Flathead River to the easterly shore, then up the most easterly shore of said river to State Route 35 (Old Highway 2 bridge), then easterly along said route to its junction with State Route 206, the point of the beginning.

Gallatin Special Management Area: Closed to all deer and elk hunting except elk hunting by special permit only: The Gallatin Special Management Area is a combination of the old Bacon Rind/Lodgepole and Buffalo Horn/Lodgepole Units. Those portions of Madison and Gallatin Counties lying within the following boundary description: Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 191 and the north boundary of Yellowstone National Park, then in a northerly direction along said boundary to USFS Trail 57 at Dailey Pass, then in a northwesterly direction along said trail to the headwaters of the South Fork of Buffalo Horn, then down said creek to a posted line that goes along the south side of Cow Flats to its intersection with Buffalo Horn Creek, then down said creek to the Gallatin River, then up said river to Snow Flake Springs and the toe of Snowflake Ridge, then southerly along said ridge and the Sage Creek-Monument Creek Divide, then along Sage Creek-Snowslide Creek Divide and the Sage Creek-Bacon Rind Divide to the Gallatin Madison Rivers Divide at Redstreak Peak, then southeasterly along said divide to the Yellowstone National Park boundary, then northerly along said boundary to the point of beginning.

Gallatin Valley Weapons Restriction Area HD 309: Mountain lion hunting is restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only, EXCEPT on some private lands which are excluded from the weapons restrictions. Map available at FWP-R3 HQ 406-577-7900, in Bozeman.

Gardiner: Closed to all hunting. Beginning at the Junction of U.S. Hwy 89 and Little Trail Creek, then up Little Trail Creek to the posted line (approx. 1/2 mile above U.S. Hwy 89), then southeasterly along said line to the Travertine-Trail Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with the Gardiner-Jardine Road, then northeasterly along said road to Eagle Creek, then southerly down said creek to the YNP boundary, then westerly along said boundary to the intersection with Stevens Creek, at the Stevens Creek/Yellowstone River confluence, then downstream (northwesterly) to the marked line at the USFS boundary on the east bank of the Yellowstone River (the boundary between T9S R8E S17 and T9S R8E S16), then northerly along said section line to Riverview drive, then easterly along Riverview Drive line to the intersection with U.S. Hwy 89, then northwesterly along said highway to the junction of Little Trail Creek, the point of beginning.

Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve: Closed to all hunting. Beginning in Section 2, T12N, R3W at the southeast corner of Upper Holter Lake, then proceeding westerly along the northern shoreline of Upper Holter Lake in the Gates of the Mountains area located in Lewis and Clark County, then northerly along Stoney Point Beacon Road, then northerly along the powerline to said beacon, then along Bulldozer Road to the point of the ridge in Section 23, T13 N, R3W, then northerly to the Missouri River, then easterly across said river and lake to the USFS boundary to the wilderness boundary, then south along wilderness boundary to the southeast corner of Section 1, T12N, R3W, then west back to Upper Holter Lake, the point of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all the territory adjacent of the Gates of the Mountains area, shall be called and known as the Gates of the Mountains Game Preserve.

Grant Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge: Closed to all hunting.

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir: The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16 and 17, T10N, R2W in Lewis and Clark County of the Helena Valley as posted. This area will be open to hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.

Helena Valley Weapons Restriction Area: That portion of HD 388 west of the following boundary: From the intersection of US Highway 12-287 and Lake Helena Drive, then north on said drive to the south shore of the Causeway Arm, then north and east on said shore to Hauser Lake.

Jeffers Weapons Restriction Area: Beginning at the intersection of Highway 287 and the south access to Jeffers Loop Road at milepost 47.1, then north along the access road until the junction with Jeffers Loop Road, then easterly along Jeffers Loop Road until its intersection with Jeffers Loop Road South, then northerly along Jeffers Loop Road until its intersection with Jeffers Road, then west along Jeffers Road to its intersection with the entrance to Valley Garden Fishing Access Site, then westerly along the south boundary of the Valley Garden Fishing Access Site to its junction with the west bank of the Madison River, then southwesterly along the west bank of the Madison River to its intersection with Highway 287, then southeast along Highway 287 until the point of the beginning.

Lake Helena WMA: Closed to all big game hunting except as designated under hunting regulations. Portions of the north half of Section 22 Township 11 North, Range 3 West.

Lee Metcalf Refuge: Legal description, map and regulations available from the Lee Metcalf Refuge, 406-777-5552.

Libby Big Game Archery Only Hunting Area: That Portion of Lincoln County lying within the following boundary: Beginning at the junction of U.S. Highway 2 and Port Blvd. (the old Stimpson mill site entrance) on the south edge of Libby, then heading east on Port Blvd. to the Champion Haul Road, across Libby Creek on said road to National Forest Road 4813, then southerly on Road 4813 to National Forest Road 533, the Swede Mountain Road, then southerly along said road to the Farm-To-Market Road, then northerly along the Farm-to-Market Road to U.S. Highway 2, then northerly along U.S. Highway 2 to Port Blvd., the point of beginning.

Lincoln Closed Area: Closed to all big game hunting. Section 24, T14N, R9W, shall be closed to big game hunting. This comprises the area around the town of Lincoln.

Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge: Portions open to big game hunting per refuge regulations. Contact refuge at 406-789-2305.

Milk River WMA Weapons Restriction Area: Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only as posted and as described under current regulations. Portions of sections 17,18,20 T32N R33E as posted.

Missouri River between the mouth of Sand Coulee Crk downstream to Great Falls city limits (this includes Park and Taylor Islands and all other unnamed islands): Restricted to ArchEquip only: Portion of HD 413 along the Missouri River between the mouth of Sand Coulee Creek downstream to Great Falls city limits (includes Park, Taylor and all other unnamed islands).

Muskrat Valley Weapons Restriction Area: Restricted to archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only. That portion of Jefferson County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at Boulder, then east along Muskrat Lane to the intersection of Upper Valley Road, then north along said road to the intersection of Sloan Lane, then west along said lane to the Interstate 15 frontage road, then west to Interstate 15, then south along said interstate to Boulder, the point of beginning.

Poindexter Slough FAS south of Dillon: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only: Sections 26, 27, 34, and 35, T7S, R9W.

Portion of the State Prison Ranch property west of Deer Lodge: Shall be closed as posted.

Prison Ranch Archery Only Area: Legal description and map available from FWP-R2 406-542-5500, in Missoula. The following MCE Ranch lands are open to hunting of big game only with Lawful Archery Equipment as outlined in the hunting regulations provided by Montana FWP: Beginning at the junction of the Old Stage Road (county road) and Elk Ridge Road (Forest Service Road 5149) in Section 22, T8N, R10W and proceeding west along the Elk Ridge Road to the power line road (prison fence line) in the southeast 1/4 of Section 22, T8N, R10W, then south along the power line road (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of the prison fence in Section 28, T7N, R10 W, then east along the south boundary Section 28, T7N, R10W (prison fence line) to the southwest corner of Section 27, T7N, R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 34, T7N, R10W, then east to the southeast corner of Section 34, T7N R10W, then south to the southwest corner of Section 2, T6N, R10W, then east along the prison fence line to the Dempsey Lake Road (county road), then northeasterly along Dempsey Lake Road (prison fence line) to the southeast corner of Section 36 T7N R10W, then north along the prison fence line on east edge of Section 36 and 25, T7N, R10W to corner of the prison fence line in Section 25, T7N, R10W, then east along prison fence line in N2 Section 30, T7N, R9W to the corner of the prison fence line at Lake Hill Road (county road); then north approx. 1/2 mile along the east side of Sections 30 and 19, T7N, R9W to the corner of prison fence line on the eastern edge of Section 19, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence west and northerly in Sections 19 and 18 T7N R9W to the northeast corner of Section 18, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence east approx. 1/2 mile along the southern boundary of

Section 8, T7N, R9W, then follow the prison fence north approx. 1/2 mile to the junction of the airport fence, then proceeding northwesterly, follow the fence bordering the airport, golf course and National Guard Armory through sections 8, 5 and 6, T7N, R9W to the Old Stage Road (county road), then follow the Old Stage Road northwest through Sections 36, 26, and 22, T8N, R10W to the junction of the Elk Ridge Road (USFS Road 5149), the point of beginning.

Rookery WMA Weapons Restriction Area: Hunting by archery, shotgun, traditional handgun or muzzleloader only.

Seeley Lake Game Preserve: Closed to all hunting: That portion of Missoula County lying within the following-described boundary: Beginning at a point where US Forest Service land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, then east on the boundary between US Forest Service and private land, then north on same boundary to the section line between Sections 17 and 20, then east on said section line and east on north line of Section 21, T17N, R15W to State Route 83, then south on State Route 83 to Riverview Drive in Section 3, T16N, R15W, then west on Riverview Drive to Snowmass Drive in Section 9, T16N, R15W, then north on Snowmass Drive to section line between Sections 4 and 5, T16N, R15W, then north on said section line to Clearwater River, then north along west shore of Clearwater River to Boy Scout Road in Section 33, T17N, R15W, then west and north on said road to where USFS land and private land meet next to Boy Scout Road in Section 20, T17N, R15W, the point of beginning.

Silver Run WMA: Closed to all hunting Dec. 1-May 14.

Smith Valley Weapons Restriction Area between Smith Lake Road and US Hwy 2: Restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only: Those portions of Flathead County lying within the following described boundary: From intersection of US Highway 2 West and Kila Road, west on Kila Road to intersection with Smith Lake Road to intersection with Whalebone Drive, then west on Whalebone Drive to the intersection with US Highway 2 West and finally west on US Highway 2 back to the point of beginning at the intersection of US Highway 2 West and Kila Road.

Sun River Game Preserve: Closed to all hunting. Beginning at a point on the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, due south of the head or source of the South Fork of the Sun River, in what will be, when surveyed, Section 8, T18N of R10W, Montana meridian, then due north from the crest of the Continental Divide to the head of the south fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the South Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its confluence with the North Fork of the Sun River, then northerly along the east bank of the North Fork of the Sun River (the eastern boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to its head or source, then due north to the crest of the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, then along said crest southwesterly and southerly (the western boundary of the Sun River Game Preserve) to the place of beginning. Intending hereby to include in said game preserve all that territory lying between the South Fork of the Sun River and the North Fork of the Sun River on the east and the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains on the west.

Teton-Spring Creek Cooperative Hunting Area (TSCA): Teton County, variety of weapons choices offered, depending upon proximity to residences. Area Map/Rules available FWP-R4 406-454-5840 Great Falls. All in T24N, R5W legally described as: Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and W1/2 of Section 13.

Townsend Weapons Restriction Area: Beginning at the intersection of US Highway 12 and Route 284 then northerly along said route to its intersection with Riley Road, then west along said road to the Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area boundary fence as signed, then northerly and westerly along said boundary fence to the end of said boundary fence in Section 28, T8N, R2E, near Canyon Ferry Reservoir, then westerly across said reservoir to Hahn Road, then westerly along said road to US Highway 287, then south along said highway to its intersection with the Kimber Gulch Road, then westerly along said road to its intersection with the railroad tracks, then southerly along said railroad tracks to their intersection with Springville Lane, then westerly and southerly along said lane to its intersection with the Indian Creek Road, then southerly along the west boundary of Sections 25 and 36 in T7N, R1E to the SW corner of Section 36, then easterly along the southern boundary of Section 36 and easterly along the southern boundary of Section 31 in T7N, R2E to its intersection with US Highway 287, then southeasterly along said highway to its intersection with Lower Deep Creek Road, then easterly along said road to its intersection with Jack Farm Road, then northwesterly along said road to its intersection with Cemetery Road, then east and north along said road to its intersection with US Highway 12, then east along said highway to its intersection with Route 284, the point of beginning.

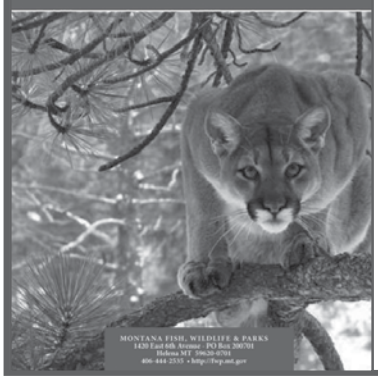
UL Bend National Wildlife Refuge: UL Bend National Wildlife Refuges and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) regulations may differ from these regulations, to include closed or weapons restricted areas. Hunters should contact the CMR at 406-538-8706 or the ACOE at 406-526-3411.

Wall Creek WMA and adjacent land as posted: Beginning at the junction of Ruby Creek and the Madison River, then southerly along east bank of said river to its intersection with Wall Creek, then westerly along Wall Creek to a posted boundary in the southwest 1/4 of Section 23, T10S, R1W, then northerly for approximately 4.5 miles along posted boundary on USFS lands (through Sections 23,14,11, 2, T10S, R1W and Sections 34 and 35 T9S, R1W) to Hyde Creek, then along Hyde Creek to the Wall Creek Wildlife Management Area boundary, then northerly and westerly along the Wildlife Management Area boundary to Ruby Creek, then easterly along Ruby Creek to the Madison River, the point of beginning.

Warm Springs WMA: Portion of hunting district within the Warm Springs WMA restricted to ArchEquip, shotgun, traditional handgun, muzzleloader or crossbow only.

Yellowstone River Islands: Yellowstone River islands between the East Park Street Bridge at Livingston and one mile downstream of US Highway 89 Bridge restricted to ArchEquip Only.

Mountain Lion Identification Course



The **Mountain Lion Identification Program** is a voluntary training program available to anyone who is interested in mountain lion ecology and/or who wants to hunt mountain lions.

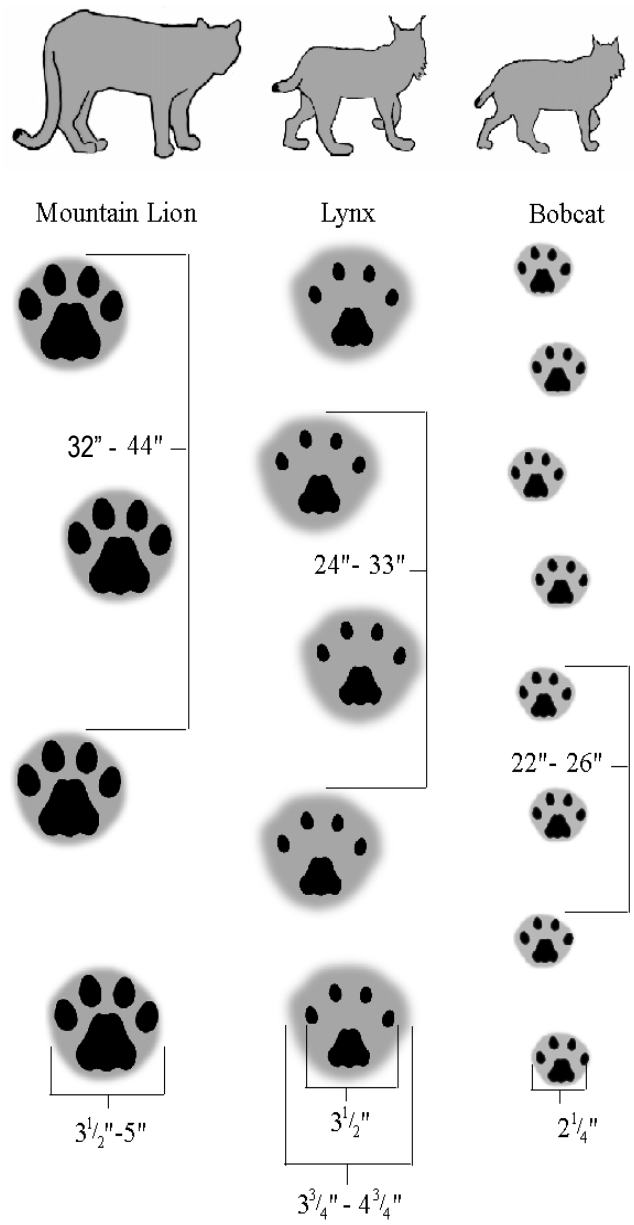
The course:

- presents information about mountain lion biology;
- explains how to determine the gender of a mountain lion; and
- presents some of Montana's laws and regulations pertaining to mountain lion hunting.

For more information, go to:

fwp.mt.gov/hunt/education/mountain-lion-identification

Cat Identification

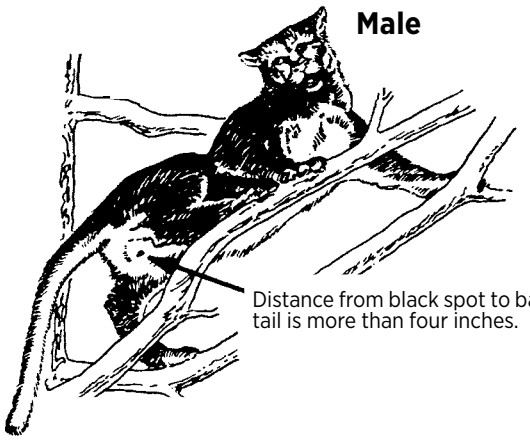


- Note differences in tail length of mountain lion and black markings on tip of lynx and bobcat tails.
- Lynx ear tufts are longer than bobcat ear tufts.
- Mountain lion and lynx foot sizes are similar; bobcat is much smaller.
- Tracks are shown with shaded area representing impression of hair in the snow.
- Note track size and stride length differences between species.

Sex Determination of Mountain Lion

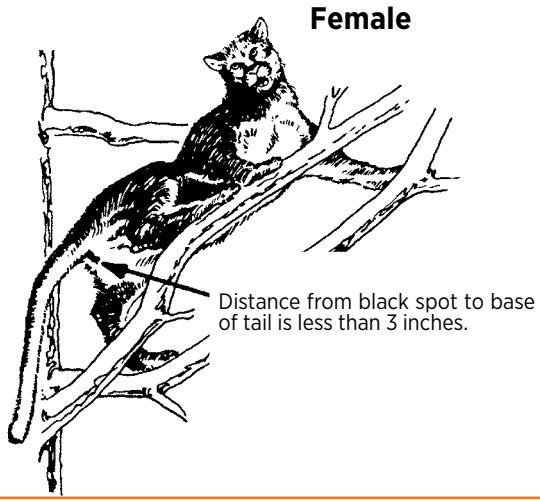
Male adult and subadult lions have a conspicuous black spot, about 1 inch diameter, surrounding the opening to the penis sheath behind the hind legs and about 4 to 5 inches below the base of the tail.

Male

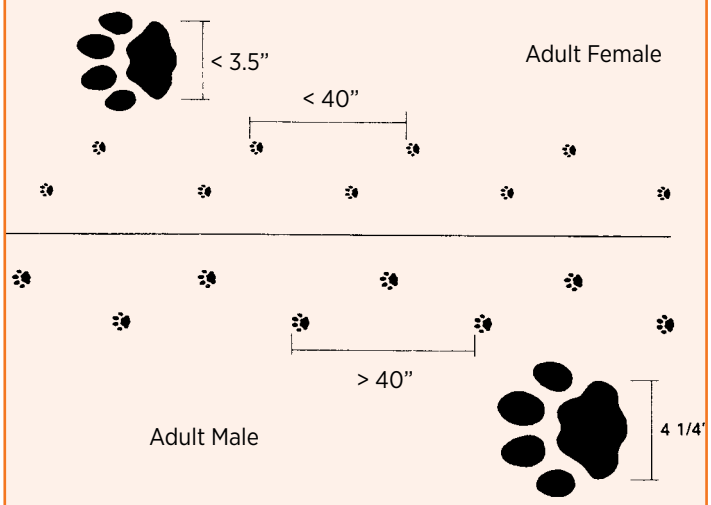


Female adult and subadult lions may have black fur surrounding the vulva and located about 3 inches or less from the base of the tail.

Female



Mountain Lion Pad Width & Stride Length - potential indicators of sex



2024-2025 Sunrise-Sunset Tables For Determining Hunting Hours

These tables, including adjustments for daylight savings time, are the official sunrise-sunset tables adopted by the Montana Fish & Wildlife Commission for hunting in Montana. Authorized hunting hours for the taking of mountain lion begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset each day of the hunting season. (Do not use times from other sources).

ZONE 1 INCLUDES: Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli and Sanders counties

	Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr	
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set
Day	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
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2	7:37	7:12	8:21	6:18	8:02	4:49	8:21	5:00	7:59	5:41	7:13	6:24	7:12	8:07
3	7:38	7:10	7:22	5:16	8:04	4:48	8:21	5:01	7:57	5:43	7:11	6:25	7:10	8:09
4	7:40	7:08	7:24	5:15	8:05	4:48	8:21	5:02	7:56	5:44	7:09	6:27	7:09	8:10
5	7:41	7:06	7:25	5:13	8:06	4:48	8:21	5:03	7:55	5:46	7:07	6:28	7:07	8:11
6	7:42	7:05	7:27	5:12	8:07	4:48	8:21	5:04	7:53	5:48	7:05	6:29	7:05	8:13
7	7:44	7:03	7:28	5:11	8:08	4:47	8:20	5:05	7:52	5:49	7:04	6:31	7:03	8:14
8	7:45	7:01	7:30	5:09	8:09	4:47	8:20	5:06	7:50	5:51	7:02	6:32	7:01	8:15
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31	8:18	6:21	-	-	8:21	4:58	8:01	5:38	-	-	7:16	8:04	-	-

ZONE 3 INCLUDES: Big Horn, Blaine, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone counties

	Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr	
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ZONE 2 INCLUDES: Beaverhead, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Glacier, Hill, Jefferson, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Madison, Meagher, Park, Pondera, Powell, Silver Bow, Teton and Toole counties.

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ZONE 4 INCLUDES: Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Fallon,Garfield, McCone, Powder River, Prairie, Richland, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Treasure, Valley and Wibaux Counties

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Contacts

Mountain Lion Harvest Reporting Number
24-hours/day - 7 days/week.....1-877-FWP-WILD (1-877-397-9453)
OR 406-444-0356

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24 hours/day - 7 days/week.....1-800-385-7826 OR 406-444-1989
OR ..... fwp.mt.gov

Bobcat, Otter, Fisher, Swift Fox and Wolverine Quota Status
24 hours/day - 7 days/week.....1-800-711-8727 OR 406-444-9557

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Enforcement.....406-444-2452
Montana State Parks.....406-444-3750
Drawings.....406-444-2950
Licenses.....406-444-2535
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Agriculture
406-444-3144
Guides & Outfitters
406-841-2300
Livestock
406-444-7323
State Lands (DNRC)
406-444-2074
Tourism
406-841-2870

Federal Agencies
US Department of Interior (USDI)
202-208-3100
USDI Fish & Wildlife Service
406-449-5225
USDA Forest Service
406-329-3511
USDI Bureau of Land Management
406-896-5000
National Weather Service
406-329-4840 (Missoula)

Land Maps
USDI Bureau of Land Management
406-896-5000
Topographical (USGS)
888-275-8747

Tribal Governments
Blackfeet Reservation
406-338-7276
Crow Reservation
406-638-2179
Flathead Reservation
406-883-2888 ext 7200
Fort Belknap Reservation
406-353-2205
Fort Peck Reservation
406-768-5305
Northern Cheyenne Reservation
406-477-6526
Rocky Boy's Reservation
406-395-4207

Lion Hunters:

Know How to Release Your Dogs from Snares and Traps:

For more information, go to the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov/hunt/trapping and click on the links under "Releasing Pets From Traps and Other Helpful Information."

Hunters with a Disability

If you or someone you know has a disability and/or is aging, and is in need of assistive technology (AT) or adaptive equipment to help you participate in outdoor recreation, please contact:

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Missoula, MT 59812
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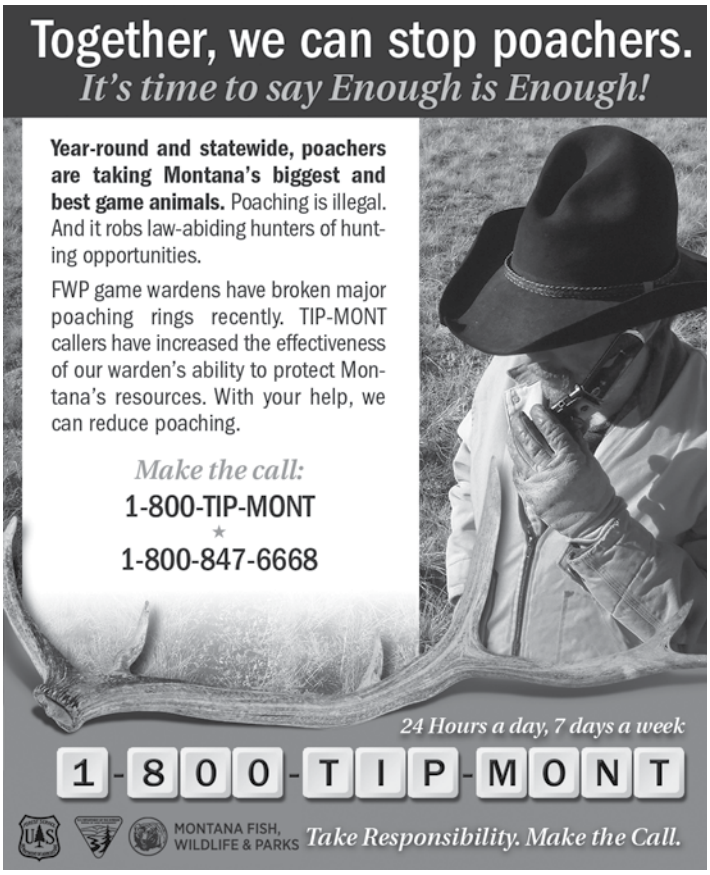

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